

Young Explorers 2



Teacher's notes for the Comprehension Test: *Sun, Cloud, Stone*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that this is part of the *Sun, Cloud, Stone* story.
- Ask them to read the text silently.
- Remind them to look at the picture, too.
- If there are any words they have forgotten, tell them not to worry. Tell them to read everything they can.
- When they have finished reading the text, ask them to read each question one at a time.
- Do not give any help.
- Then ask them to read the three possible answers that are given.
- Ask them to underline which answer they think is correct.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

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Name _____

Date _____



Sam is a stone cutter. He works for a man called Jim. One day, Sam was cutting a big block of stone. The sun was very hot, and Sam was tired.

Jim said, 'Hurry up, Sam. I need that block of stone. We must finish the house.'

Sam stood up. He looked at Jim.

Sam said, 'I don't want to cut blocks of stone. I'm hot and tired. I want a rest.'

But Jim said, 'Hurry up, Sam. I need more blocks of stone. I need them now.'

Then he went away. Sam stood in the hot, hot sun.

Sam thought about the sun. Then he had an idea.

Sam said, 'The sun is strong. The sun is hot. The sun is strong – but I am not! I want to be the sun.'

Sam felt hot. Then he felt very hot. He grew big. Then he grew very big.

Sam grew round like a ball. He looked at his fingers. They were long and yellow. Sam flew up and up. He flew up into the sky.

'Look at me! I am the sun! I am so strong!' Sam said.

Sam the sun was happy.

Choose and underline the correct answer.

- _____ is a stone cutter.
a) Tom b) Ben c) Sam
- One day, Sam was cutting a _____ block of stone.
a) heavy b) big c) hot
- The sun was very hot, and Sam was _____ .
a) tired b) cold c) dry
- Jim said, 'I need that big block of stone. We must finish the _____ .'
a) hurry b) house c) home
- Sam said, 'I _____ to rest.'
a) need b) was c) want
- Sam said, 'The sun is _____ .'
a) strong b) happy c) tired
- Sam grew _____ , like a ball.
a) hot b) big c) round
- Sam looked at his _____ . They were long and yellow.
a) fingers b) feet c) clothes
- Sam flew up and up. He flew up into the _____ .
a) sun b) cloud c) sky
- Sam said, 'Look at me! I am the _____ !'
a) ball b) rain c) sun

Teacher's notes for the Word Recognition Test: *Sun, Cloud, Stone*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that the words all come from the *Sun, Cloud, Stone* book.
- Tell the children to listen to each sentence that you read. Read the first sentence to the class and stress the word in bold print. Say the word in bold print again, on its own, when you have finished the sentence.
- Ask the children to choose which word they think it is from the three possible words they are given for that sentence.
- Ask them to underline the word of their choice. (If they make a mistake and want to change their mind, tell them to cross out the wrong answer and underline the correct answer.)
- Repeat this procedure with each sentence.
- Make sure the children know which number sentence you are reading each time.
- Do not give any help.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

Test sentences and words

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| 1. Jim said, 'I need that big block of stone.' | need |
| 2. Sam said, 'I want to rest.' | want |
| 3. Sam thought about the sun. Then he had an idea. | Then |
| 4. Sam's fingers were long and yellow. | long |
| 5. Look what I can do! | what |
| 6. I can make the children hot. | children |
| 7. Sam grew round, like a ball . | ball |
| 8. I can make rain . | rain |
| 9. Sam the cloud was angry . | angry |
| 10. Jim came back . | back |

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Underline the correct word.

1. a) need b) not c) now
2. a) was b) water c) want
3. a) Them b) Then c) They
4. a) long b) look c) light
5. a) where b) white c) what
6. a) clothes b) children c) cloud
7. a) fall b) balloon c) ball
8. a) rain b) rest c) round
9. a) anything b) about c) angry
10. a) block b) back c) best